

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3645
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PROMOTION OF HANDICRAFTS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) the measures being taken to promote handicraft industry in Rajasthan:
- (b) Whether the Government proposes to accord special status to Rajasthan in this regard;
- (c) If so, the time by which such status is likely to be accorded; and
- (d) If not, the reasons therefore?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) : The schemes for development and promotion of Handicrafts sector being implemented by the Government in the country including the state of Rajasthan are Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana; Marketing Support and Services; Design & Technology Up-gradation; Export Promotion; Research & Development; Training & Extension including Special Handicrafts Training Project; Bima Yojana; Workshed and Credit Guarantee.

(b) & (c): No sir, At present there is no proposal to accord special status to Rajasthan in this regard;

(d): As far as Handicraft sector is concerned the Government does not accord special status to any State. However, requirement of the sector is met through need based interventions of developmental schemes.